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INTEGRATED PREPARATION OF BLENDING COMPONENTS FOR REFINERY TRANSPORTATION FUELS

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

disclosed production for processes are Economical components for refinery blending of transportation fuels which are liquid at ambient conditions by selective oxygenation of refinery feedstocks comprising a mixture of organic compounds. The organic compounds are oxygenated with dioxygen in a liquid reaction medium containing a soluble catalyst system comprising at least one multi-valent and/or heavy metal while maintaining the liquid reaction medium substantially free of halogen and/or halogencontaining compounds, to form a mixture of immiscible phases comprising hydrocarbons, oxygenated organic compounds, water of reaction, and acidic co-products. The mixture of immiscible phases is separated by gravity to recover at least a first organic liquid of low density and second liquid of high density which contains at least a portions of the catalyst metal, water of reaction and acidic co-products. Advantageously, the organic liquid is washed with an aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate solution, or other soluble chemical base capable to neutralize and/or remove acidic coproducts of oxidation, and recover oxygenated product.